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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council); Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold meetings of the: Joint Law Enforcement Committee, Gulf Council's Law Enforcement Advisory Panel Committee, and Gulf States Law Enforcement Committee, Red Drum Management Committee, Joint Administrative Policy and Budget/Personnel Committees, Data Collection Management Committee, Gulf SEDAR Committee, Reef Fish Committee, Mackerel Committee, and Shrimp Management Committee; in conjunction with a meeting of the Full Council. The Council will also hold a formal public comment session.

DATES: The Council meeting will convene 8:30 a.m. on Monday, October 20 until 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 23, 2014.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held at The Battle House Renaissance Mobile Hotel and Spa, located at 26 North Royal Street, Mobile, AL 36602; telephone: (251) 338-2000.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The items of discussion for each individual management committee agenda are as follows:

Joint meeting of the Gulf Council's Law Enforcement Administrative Committee (Council), Law Enforcement Advisory Panel, and Gulf States Law Enforcement Committee Agenda, Monday, October 20, 2014, 8:30 a.m. until 11 a.m.

- Usefulness of Charter-for-hire Decals
- Review of Draft Definition of Charter Fishing
- Port Eads, Louisiana Marina Access
- Overview of Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) Gulf Restructuring
- Review of 2015-2016 Cooperative Enforcement Operations Plan
- State Report Highlights

Red Drum Management Committee Agenda, Monday, October 20, 2014, 11 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

- Scoping Document for Recreational Red Drum Management and Update from Special Red Drum Working Group

– Recess –

Joint meeting of the Administrative Policy and Budget/Personnel Committees Agenda, Monday, October 20, 2014, 1 p.m. until 3 p.m.

- Review of 2010-2014 Expenditures and Budget Carryover to 2015
- Review and Discussion of Potential Contractual Projects
- Update on Advisory Panels (AP) and Scientific and Statistical Committees (SSC)
Appointment Process and Structure
- Discussion of SSC Conflict of Interest Policy
- Continued Review of Draft Statement of Organization Practices and Procedures
(SOPPs) Revisions

Data Collection Administrative Committee Agenda, Monday, October 20, 2014, 3 p.m.
until 4:30 p.m.

- Calibration Workshop Summary Report
- Discussion of South Atlantic Council Recommendations for Electronic Charter
Boat Reporting
- Discussion of Species Reporting Requirements under the Joint Electronic Dealer
Reporting Amendment
- Discussion of Strategies to Improve Private Recreational Data Collection and
Management

Gulf SEDAR Committee Agenda, Monday, October 20, 2014, 4:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

- SEDAR 38 – Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic King Mackerel
- SEDAR Steering Committee Update
- SEDAR Schedule Review
- Updated List of Fishery Research and Socio-economic Priorities for 2015-2019

– Recess –

Reef Fish Management Committee Agenda, Tuesday, October 21, 2014, 8:30 a.m. –
11:30 a.m. & 1 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

- Estimates of Red Snapper Abundance on Alabama's Offshore Reefs
- Amendment 39 – Red Snapper Regional Management
- Final Action – Amendment 40 – Recreational Red Snapper Sector Separation
- Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program Review
- Gag Overfishing Limit (OFL) and Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC)
- Final Action – Red Grouper Bag Limit and Accountability Measures Framework
Action
- Hogfish Benchmark Assessment Overfishing Limit (OFL) and Acceptable
Biological Catch (ABC)
- Greater Amberjack Annual Catch Limit (ACL) /Annual Catch Target (ACT)
Options Paper
- Amendment 28 – Red Snapper Allocation
- Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) Comments on Red Snapper
Abundance Graph

– Recess –

Mackerel Management Committee Agenda, Wednesday, October 22, 2014, 8:30 a.m.
until 9:30 a.m.

- Final Action – Framework Amendment 2 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagics
Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Atlantic Migratory Group Spanish Mackerel
Trip Limits
- Other Business – King Mackerel Gill Net Concerns

Shrimp Management Committee Agenda, Wednesday, October 22, 2014, 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

- Final Action – Shrimp Amendment 15 – Status Determination Criteria for Penaeid Shrimp and Adjustments to the Shrimp Framework Procedure
- Final Action – Shrimp Amendment 16 – Adjustments to the Annual Catch Limit and Accountability Measures for Royal Red Shrimp
- Shrimp Amendment 17 – Scoping Document of the Shrimp Permit Moratorium
- 2013 Shrimp Effort and Shrimp Electronic Logbook (ELB) Program Update

Council Session Agenda, Wednesday, October 22, 2014, 11 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.:

11 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.: Call to Order and Introductions, Adoption of Agenda, and Approval of Minutes

11:10 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.: Approval of 2015 Committee Appointments

11:15 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.: The Council will receive presentations on the Proposed Rule Update for the Aquaculture Fishery Management Plan (FMP), Evaluation of the Status of Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle Following the 2010 Deepwater Horizon Spill using a Revised Assessment Model, Update on Red Snapper Federal Violations.

2:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.: The Council will receive public testimony on Final Action on Reef Fish Amendment 40 - Sector Separation, Final Action on Shrimp Amendment 15 - Status Determination Criteria for Penaeid Shrimp and Adjustments to the Shrimp Framework Procedure , Final Action on Shrimp Amendment 16 - Adjustments to the Annual Catch Limit and Accountability Measures for Royal Red Shrimp, Final Action on Framework Action to Modify Recreational Red Grouper Bag Limits and Accountability Measures, Final Action on Framework Amendment 2 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagics

Fishery Management Plans (FMP) - Atlantic Migratory Group Spanish Mackerel Trip Limits, and open testimony on any other fishery issues or concerns. People wishing to speak before the Council should complete a public comment card prior to the comment period.

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5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.: The Council will continue to receive public testimony.

– Recess –

Council Session Agenda, Thursday, October 23, 2014, 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.: The Council will continue to receive committee reports from the following: Reef Fish Management Committee (8:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.), Shrimp Management Committee (1 p.m.–1:30 p.m.), Red Drum Management Committee (1:30 p.m.–1:45 p.m.), Gulf SEDAR Management Committee (1:45 p.m.–2 p.m.), Joint Law Enforcement Committees (2 p.m.–3 p.m.), Mackerel Management Committee (3 p.m.–3:30 p.m.), Data Collection Administrative Committee (3:30 p.m.–4 p.m.), and the Joint Administrative Policy and Budget/Personnel Committee (4 p.m.–4:30 p.m.)

4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.: The Council will receive a summary report on the Pacific Fishery Management Council Meeting and an update on the RESTORE Act Science Program.

5:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.: Other Business – Status of Biscayne National Park
Implementation of Fishing Regulations

–Adjourn –

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